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- ☒ A. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied.
- ☐ B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. ____, filed ____, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.
- ☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

III. Concise Statement of Relevance

- ☐ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.
- ☒ B. A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided

on a separate sheet. For the Examiner's information, the designation "X" on the search report means the reference is particularly relevant if taken alone; the designation "Y" means the reference is particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category; the designation "A" means the reference is cited as technological background; the designation "O" means non-written disclosure; the designation "P" means intermediate document; the designation "T" means the reference relates to the theory or principle underlying the invention; the designation "E" means the reference is an earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date; the designation "D" means the reference is cited in the application; and the designation "L" means the document was cited for other reasons.

- ☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report issued by the _____ Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.
- ☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

IV. Additional Information

- ☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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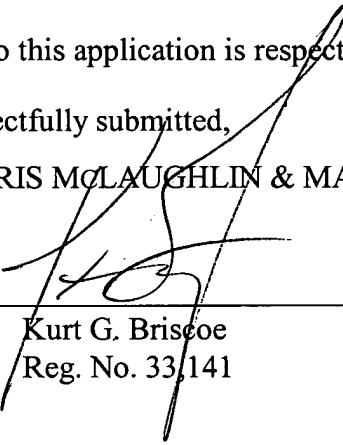
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Concise Statement of Relevance of Non-English References:

EP 0 99 251 A2 corresponds to US Application No. 09/431,849. A copy of the specification is forwarded herewith.

EP 0 953 620 A1 corresponds to US 6,296,904 B1, US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0034173 A1.